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the whole story of our American forests. Take our farm

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one-third of all our forest lands. Yes, those patches of

10 or 20 or 40 acres most farmers have in woods, form an

important and valuable part of our total forest resource.

In fact, no other crop on American farms occupies more acreage

than do the farm woodlands. Forest products rank among the

first ten farm crops, and their annual yield equals in value

the combined crops of barley, rye, rice and flaxseed, and

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Jim Robbins working at his deak. Jim's wife, Bees, is sitting near him, knitting a sweater for the Red Cross, Here they are they are well and the control of the TimP BESS: Yeah, Bess? Time when do you expect Mary and Jerry back from Beaver Greek? BEES: They ought to be getting back pretty soon ... Say, you're sure coming along fast on that sweater, Bess. Don't rry to change the subject, Jim Robbins, You can't pull the wool over my eyes, you know.

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1. BESS: And those folks were left with the land.

2. JIM: Yes, most of them stayed on the expectation of years of more

3. work with the mill. ... Well, that's over now. And the folks

are still up there with nothing but run-down buildings, and

overworked patches of poor farm land, and little promise of

future work that'll give them any cash to go on They're

going to need help, Bess.

8. BESS: I know, Jim? But how can we help them?

9. JIM: That's what I've been thinking about. Bess. I was thinking

10. maybe if.... Say, isn't that Jerry coming, and Mary?

11. BESS: Yes, there they are, Jim.

12. SOUND OF DOOR OPENING

13. JERRY: (DEJECTED) Hello, Jim... Mrs. Robbins.

14. BESS: Hello, Jerry. Hello, Mary.

15. MARY: Hello.

16. DOOR CLOSES

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17. JIM: Sit down, Mary.

18. MARY: Thank you.

19. JIM: Well, it was pretty bad, huh, Jerry?

20. JERRY; Yep.

21. MARY: It was about the saddest thing I've ever seen, Mr. Robbins.

22. Made me want to cry.

23. JERRY: Yeah, Jim. There were only a few men working. That's all

24. they needed to clean up those few logs that were left in the

25. mill pond.

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MARY: And all the rest of the people - the men and the women and 0 youngsters, they lined the banks of the pond and just 30 watched. No one said a word. It was almost as if all their 4. hopes were going with the last log 5. JERRY: Finally, that's all there was ... one log left. The men floated 5. it to the incline, and up she went. It only took a minute or 7 so and the log was sawed up in lumber. 8. MARY: Then they turned the machinery off 9. JERRY: Yeah, and the steam went down. 10. MARY: And all those people....if you wuld only have seen their faces 11. their eyes. Mrs. Robbins ... they just turned away and went 12. on home. It was all like a ... a death knell .. Nobody said 13. anything. 14. JIM: (CLEARS THROAT) Well, that is the end of the mill operation, 15. I guess. 16. JERRY: Jim. there's a lot of folks out of luck there now. What are 17 we going to do? Members of the school board who were there 18. and some of the county officials asked me if there was any 19. way the Forest Service could help. 20. JIM: Yeah. Bess and I were talking about it before you and Mary 21. got here, Jerry. There's only one chance far's I can see, 22. MARY: What is it, Mr. Robbins? I'd like to help, too, and I hops 23. you'll let me. 24. HERRY: Whatever we do, we'd better do it quick, Jim, Those folks 25. weren't left with much you know, What little cash they ve got "ill be all gone pretty quick. Yery few of 'en have fare."

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- Yes, I know, Jarry. Well, here's my plan. It'll mean working right through the week end for all of us, though.
- 3. BESS: I don't know any better way to spend the Sabbath, Jim, than in trying to help others.
- J. JIM: I knew you'd feel that way about it Be. Well, you and Mary d, will have to see the members of the local school beard up there in Beaver Creek. Jerry and I will travel on down to the county seat and talk with some of the county officials. We'll do. Get their ideas on the whole thing and see what they'd like to do. Monday morning, first thing, we'll get together and like
- 12, make out our report. Can you make it about six thirty Monday
- 13. MARY: I'll be here real early, Mr. Robbins.
- 14. MUSICAL INTERLUDE
- 13. JERRY: (FADING IN) That's it, Jim. One hundred and sixty-four 13. families in all. I've got the location of their homes right 17. here on this map.
- 19. MARY: That takes in a few just outside the boundary doesn't it.
 19. Jerry?
- 20. JERRY: Right. There's about twenty families living near the mill.

 21. BESS: Don't forget to point out Jim that their homes are run dawn

 22. and there's little chance of their getting any other employments

 23. where they are.
- 24. JIM: You're right, Bess. Let's see, now. I've got some other thing.
 25. here. Farm lands, what there are of them, are worn out. Some of the families are special-use tenants of the National Forest.



MARY: Here's another thought, Mr. Robbins. Can't you point out
that if it's made possible for these families to improve
themselves and their living conditions and finally support
themselves independently, why then, the surrounding communities
will naturally benefit?

6. JERRY: Sure, that's swell idea, Mary.

7. BESS: Jim, how long will it take until you get some word on your 8. report?

9. JIM: I don't know, Bess. There'll probably have to be some 10. follow-up investigation.

11. JERRY: Well, it's been coming on for a long time. The mill kept
12. reducing as its timber supply dwindled. That's why so many
13. of 'em are already down and out.

14. JIM: And now everybody's left without any work.... Well, right 15. now we've got a report to get out, Jerry.

16. BESS: Come on, Mary. They won't need us any more. Excuse us, Jim.

17. JIM: Nuh? Oh yeah, sure, Bess...We've got to have one more map as 18. I see it, Jerry. We want this report to be as complete

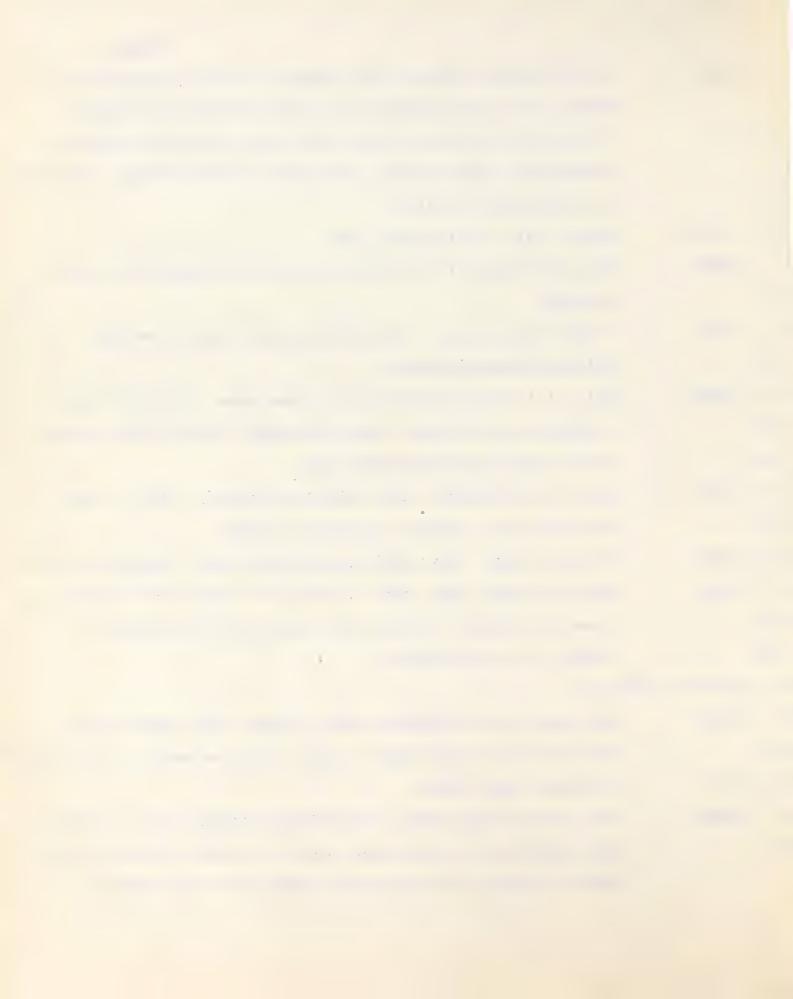
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21. JERRY: Jim, hasn't the Supervisor come through with anything on
22. that proposed Beaver Creek project since we sent in that report
23. JIM: It takes time, Jerry.

24. JERRY: But some of those folks are getting desperate, Jim. They was 25. all pitching in to help each other of course and some relief money's coming in but what they need and want is work.



JIN: We can use a crew on some trail maintenance up that way,

Jerry. Suppose we line up a small crew out of the folks

hardest hit up there? That'll help (FADE) for a little while.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

6. MARY: (BREATHLESSLY) I rushed right over as soon as you called.
6. Mrs. Robbins. Is it good news?

7. BESS: We can't tell yet, Mary. Jerry, suppose you explain to Mery's
3. JERRY: It's just this, Mary. Jin got a call from the Supervisor
9. this norming asking Jim to meet him over at the county seat
10. to sit in with members of the Beaver Greek school board
11. and the county officials, and representatives of other
12. bureaus in the Department of Agriculture. And that's where

14. MARY: What does it all mean, Jerry?

Jim is now.

16. JERRY: I don't know, but it looks like they might work out something.
16. Jim's the one who'll have to (FADE) explain that when be
27. gets back.

18. PAUSE:

19. JIM: Vell, that's about the way it was, Jerry.

20. JERRY: Now let me get this straight, Jim. If this thing goes through, 21. the county officials and the Department of Agriculture against will work together on it. Right?

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1. JIM: That's right, Jerry. There'll be technical assistance for developing farm plans for good use of the land and conservation of the soil. Some of that land up there in Beaver Creek, you know, will come back if it's handled right. Then we'll get some loans and grants to help get the farm mangaement plans going....

7. JERRY: And we'll get a special allotment to arrange for work on the 8. Pine Cone National Forest for the unemployed, huh?

9. JIM: More than that, Jerry. They'll be working to restore growing 10. timber on those cut-over lands, so that some day that mill can run again and the community can get back on a community can ge

12. self-sustaining basis.

13. JERRY: Gewwillikens, Jim, it's going to be a grand project. What

14. are we waiting for?

15. JIM: We still lack final approval, Jerry. That's what we're waiting for. (FADE) Final approval.

17. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

18. SOUNDS OF STEPS RUNNING UP ON WOODEN PORCH, DOOR OPENS AND SLAMS SHUT

19. MARY: (BREATHLESSLY) Hello! Where is everybody?

20. BESS: (OFF) Here, Mary. Here in the diningroom.

21. MARY: I'll come in there....Well, it's here!....No, never mind the

chair, Jerry. I'm too excited to sit down.

23. BESS: What in the world are you talking about, Mary? What's here?

24. JERRY: Yeah, calm yourself, Mary.

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1. MARY: The Beaver Creek project has been approved. See? Right
2. here in this Willow Glen Clarion. It just came.

3. JIM: H-m-m. The paper must have gotten it direct from

headquarters. Read it, Mary.

5. JERRY: Yeah, read it.

6. MARY: (READING) It says: Beaver Creek Project Approved ...

Announcing that active field work would soon start in a program for the rehabilitation of the Beaver Brook area

9. withing the Pine Cone National Forest, the United States

10. Department of Agriculture pointed out today that the county

officials and local school boards in the area have enlisted

the active support and assistance of four agencies of the

Department, each of which will undertake its share of the

coordinated program ... There !

15. BESS: Oh, Jim, isn't that wonderful?

16. JERRY: Hey, you ought to take a bow, Jim, after the work you've put

17. in to get that project across.

18. JIM: No, Jerry, I don't feel that way at all. I'm just doggonned

19. proud of the way folks take hold in this country of ours....

20. We can go places, Jerry, when people get to working together.

21. MUSICAL FINALE

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22. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Ranger's comes to you each Friday over

23. the National Farm and Home Hour as a presentation of the

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